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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 July 2005 and 01 August 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 1-4 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 5-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/534,966.

Claims 1-14 are currently pending.

Note Regarding Attorney of Record

1. The present application was filed containing a power of attorney to Mr. Sol Sheinbein and Mr. Martin Moynihan. A correspondence address was supplied for G.E. Ehrlich (1995) Ltd c/o Mr. Anthony Castorina. No address was supplied for Mr. Sol Sheinbein or Mr. Martin Moynihan except through G.E. Ehrlich c/o Mr. Castorina.

Mr. Sol Sheinbein was excluded from practice before the Patent and Trademark Office (Office). The Office does not communicate with attorneys or agents who have been suspended or excluded from practice.

As a correspondence address, other than to G. E. Ehrlich c/o Mr. Anthony Castorina, is not of record, this Office action is being mailed to the other practitioner of record at his/her last known address as listed on the register of patent attorneys and agents. To ensure that a copy of this Office action is received in a timely manner to allow for a timely reply, a copy of the Office action is being mailed directly to the address of the inventor first named in the declaration or oath. Any reply by Applicant(s) should be by way of the remaining practitioner(s) of record and should include a new correspondence address.

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

2. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on July 22, 2005 has been entered.

Election/Restrictions

1. **Claims 1-4 stand withdrawn** from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to a nonelected invention, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. Election was made **without** traverse in the reply filed on April 22, 2004.

Claims 5-14 are the subject of examination in the present Office Action.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

3. Claims 5-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. This is a NEW MATTER rejection.

Claims 5 and 15 have been amended to recite that the claimed method is performed “at physiological conditions.” Applicant has not pointed out where support for the claim amendments can be found in the specification or claims as originally filed, and support for the term cannot be found in a review of the specification or claims as originally filed. In regard to expression of the MHC class I polypeptide and the antigenic peptide in bacteria, the specification discusses only the use of a “bacterial expression system” at a number of locations. However, the term “physiological conditions” is not defined or even used at any point in the specification. Accordingly, the specification does not demonstrate that Applicant was in possession of a method of expressing the polypeptides in bacteria at physiological conditions because the specification does not even disclose what said physiological conditions are. Accordingly, the recitation in the claims of “physiological conditions” constitutes NEW MATTER and must be removed.

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claims 5-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claims 5 and 15 are ambiguous and unclear in the recitation of “physiological conditions.” While claim 15 recites that the temperature included in said physiological conditions is in the range of 35-40 degrees Celsius, there is more to physiological conditions than just the temperature. Does the term mean within a living organism? Does the term mean the use of buffers and supplements that are compatible with introduction of the medium into a living animal, such as a human? What organism is the comparison

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for physiological conditions, i.e., the bacterium used in the system, an ectothermic animal, a bird, a mammal? If the term is found to not be new matter, as stated supra, clarification of the metes and bounds of "physiological conditions" is required. furthermore, the recitation of "physiological conditions" in the preamble of the claim fails to further the claim because it merely states an intended use for the method that is completely described in the remainder of the claim.

Claim 5 is ambiguous and unclear in the recitation of "refolding" in step (c). there is nothing in the procedure that would suggest that the peptide has been "unfolded."

Conclusion

5. No claim is allowed.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to F. Pierre VanderVegt whose telephone number is (571) 272-0852. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th 6:30-4:00 and Alternate Fridays 6:30-3:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christina Chan can be reached on (571) 272-0841. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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